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INDO BANGLA TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to consider Fulbari as a full-fledged integrated check post for Indo-Bangladesh trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when it is likely to be opened for the Indo-Bangla trade?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) As a part of improved Border Management practices,it was considered necessary to undertake integrated development of infrastructure at the India's entry points on land borders. Accordingly, Govt. of India has proposed for establishment of 13 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) with our neighboring countries. Out of these, 7 ICPs are at India-Bangladesh border, 4 at India-Nepal border and one each at India-Myanmar and India-Pakistan border.Fulbari does not figure in the proposed 13 ICPs. However, Fulbari is a Land Custom station (LCS) situated in state of West Bengal which provides Transit to exports from Nepal to Bangladesh through India.